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Re: **CIRCUIT AND METHOD FOR SERVICE CLOCK RECOVERY**
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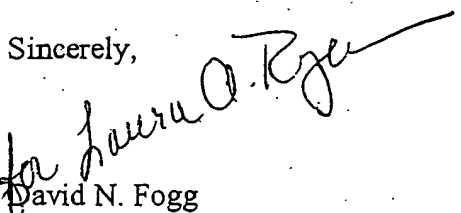
Dear Jon and Dick:

Enclosed for your review is a final draft patent application for the above-identified patent application. Also enclosed are an Assignment and a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (collectively the "formal papers") for your signature. Please review the application before signing the formal papers. If any additional changes need to be made, please provide your comments to me via e-mail at fogg@ip-partners.com.

Once you have completed your review, please *sign and date* the formal papers. Note that a notary is required for the Assignment. Then, return the formal papers to me for filing with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. U.S. law requires that inventors and those associated with a patent application must disclose any known prior art that may be considered material in determining the patentability of the claimed invention. If you are aware of any possible art, please provide us with sufficient information about it to allow us to obtain copies for the patent office.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (612) 312-2201 or via e-mail at fogg@ip-partners.com.

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